

# Sample New Jersey FFA Officer Candidate Writing Exercise

## **Introduction**

State FFA officers are expected to complete numerous written correspondences with state FFA staff, students, teachers, and sponsors they meet throughout their year of service. As an officer, the ability to communicate clearly through writing is just as critical as the ability to communicate through speech.

Often times, state officers are asked to speak or write about current Agriculture, FFA and Education issues.

This component of the national officer selection process provides each candidate with an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to effectively communicate about a given topic.

## **Directions**

Supervised Agricultural Experience programs are crucial to both student success and in maintaining a quality agricultural education program. Communicating the importance and knowledge of how to conduct well-rounded SAE programs is becoming more important as the agriculture job market grows. As the world has evolved and progressed over time, so have SAE programs. As a state officer, you have been asked to write an article in the *New Horizons Magazine* highlighting the components of a quality SAE program and showcasing new and innovative SAE opportunities for all agricultural education students. Be sure to address the following questions:

**How have Supervised Agricultural Experiences evolved over time?**

**What are the elements of a high quality SAE program?**

**Why is an SAE program crucial to not only a student's success, but also to the success of the agricultural education program?**